

GATHERING FOR
HARGIS CASE

Witnesses and Attorneys Going to
Irvine For Trial Wednesday.

JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Hargis, accompanied by her attorneys D. B. Redwine and Thomas T. Cope and Lou Ellen Sherman Cope, a former enemy of Judge Hargis, but now a lawyer, went to Irvine yesterday. Mrs. Hargis is determined to leave no stone unturned and to spare no expense in her efforts to save her son from the penalty which faces him for the murder of his father.

Mrs. Hargis showed to the mother of Curt Jett last week a check for \$12,000 which she had collected on one of the notes due her husband's estate and last week she gave a mortgage for \$5,000 to a Lexington bank on her residence property in Jackson, making \$17,000 in cash which doubtless will be used if necessary during the trial this week at Irvine.

Among the witnesses summoned for the defense are a white man and a negro who are expected to testify that they were looking in the window of the store at the time of the killing and saw the murdered man choking the defendant.

Nobody On the Sidewalk.

It will be shown by the prosecution that there was nobody on the sidewalk in front of the window or near it at the time of the shooting and that the white man referred to was down the street about 100 yards and in a place where the store could not be seen.

The Commonwealth, it is stated, will take steps to secure indictments against any witness giving perjured testimony at Irvine. Every witness who is known to have seen the killing, according to the statement of the prosecution, will contradict these statements and prove that Beach Hargis was neither assaulted nor abused by the father for whose murder he will be placed on trial Wednesday.

Attorneys in Famous Case.

The attorneys for the defense are Senator W. O. Bradley, of Louisville; W. A. Young, of Morehead; S. H. Kash, of Corbin; Thomas T. Cope, D. B. Redwine and J. C. Bach, of Jackson, and Riddell & Friend, of Irvine.

The attorneys for the prosecution are Commonwealth's Attorney Kelly Kash, of Jackson; County Attorney J. W. Friend, of Irvine, and A. Floyd Byrd, of Winchester.

60 WITNESSES ON
WAY TO IRVINE.

About sixty people from Jackson and other places in Eastern Kentucky arrived in this city Tuesday morning on the 9:12, L. & E. train enroute to Irvine to attend the trial of Beach Hargis for the murder of his father.

BLUE GRASS BAPTIST
BOARD IN SESSION

Fine Program Rendered at Meeting
at Calvary Baptist
Church.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 15.—The Blue Grass Baptist Association Board met yesterday morning in the Calvary Baptist Church. About 20 Baptist ministers from all parts of the Blue Grass were present and a fine program was rendered. The entire session was spent in the discussion of the paper, "The Pastor His Own Evangelist."

Rev. Mr. Green, of Versailles, lead in this discussion. Dr. J. W. Porter, of this city also took a prominent part. The president, Rev. T. B. Hill, of Mt. Sterling, was in the chair at the meeting.

Another meeting of the association will be held in Lexington in a short time. The out-of-town ministers were the guests of the local Baptist preachers during the day and all enjoyed the meeting.

Christmas Services.

There will be special Christmas services at the Washington street Presbyterian church, next Sunday. Appropriate music has been arranged for the occasion.

\$2,700 FIRE OF
NORTH MAIN ST.

Office of Dr. Lyons and Residence of
Mrs. Taylor Injured.

Fire and water Tuesday morning caused a \$2,700 loss at the residence of Mrs. Creth Taylor and Dr. Howard Lyon's office on North Main street. The fire originated in a closet in Dr. Lyon's office and spread to the attic. The fire had to be fought from the roof and the water running through the ceiling caused more damage than the fire.

Dr. Lyons loss is about \$700 and Mrs. Taylor's loss is \$2,000. Both losses were fully covered by insurance.

WHOLESALE GROCERY
MAY LOCATE HERE

W. M. Black of Barboursville and Mr.
Lane of Middleboro Here
in City.

At the request of Mr. W. M. Black, of Barboursville, and Mr. Lane, of Middleboro, there was a meeting of the Commercial Club held Monday afternoon at the courthouse for the purpose of discussing with these gentlemen the advisability of opening a wholesale grocery in this city.

These gentlemen are going to open a wholesale grocery somewhere in this section of the State, but are undecided as yet where they will locate. There was no special inducement offered them by the Commercial Club as the meeting was not held for that purpose. All that was done was a discussion of a suitable location for the building and the shipping facilities to the eastern part of the State from here.

PRESIDENT SENDS
MESSAGE ON CANAL

Brands Stories of Purchase as False
—Full Message in Paper
Tomorrow.

President Roosevelt Tuesday transmitted to Congress a special message dealing with the purchase of the Panama Canal, together with a number of documents bearing on the same. He takes up the charges made recently in connection with the acquisition of the canal property, to which he vigorously replies. The message was crowded out of today's News by the pressure of advertising, but will be printed in full in tomorrow's paper.

GOOD WOMAN IS
VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. Jennie Ecton Low. Son Has
Been Telegraphed to Come
Home.

Mrs. Jennie Ecton is dangerously ill at her home in this city. Mrs. Ecton is probably the best-known woman in this section of the State. For many years her life has been one of good works. Her condition is so serious that her son, Dewees, who lives at Minneapolis, Minn., has been telegraphed for. Mrs. E. S. Jonett and Miss Laura Ecton are the children living here.

"The Devil" is the play at the Opera House Tuesday night. The advance sale of seats has been good and a good audience may be expected.

Born Tuesday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Kranklin, a boy.

You can not eat all the flour advertised as the best on earth and you can not make a mistake in using Mansfield's Best Patent or Mt. Lilly. Every sack guaranteed.

MANSFIELD'S FLOUR MILLS
Winchester, Ky.
11-13-3mo.-e.o.d.

Vic Bloomfield's store will be opened every night from now until after Christmas.
12-14-tf.

CHRISTMAS DAY
IN WINCHESTER

Will Be Very Quietly Observed With
No Special Entertainments.

Christmas day in Winchester will be very quietly observed. Nothing has as yet been arranged to furnish any kind of entertainment to the people on that day.

According to the custom of other years the stores will all close at noon and the postoffice will only be open at different intervals during the day so that the clerks in these places may receive a holiday or part of one. The banks will all close.

Kentucky Wesleyan College will dismiss the 23rd for the holidays and work will not be resumed until the second week in January. Just when the city schools will dismiss is not known as the Board of Education has not passed on that yet.

No special services of any kind will be held at the churches on that day except at the Presbyterian. At the latter there will be services in the afternoon and an entertainment for the children of the Sunday School class.

At the county jail and at the county farm the inmates will be given a regular Christmas dinner and there will probably be some kind of religious services held at these places.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF
RESERVE TO BE PAID

All Growers Must Call at Office and
Bring 1906 Contract.

It was announced Tuesday morning at the office of the Clark County Equity Warehouse Company that the growers who had 10 per cent reserve from the July, 1908, distribution could call at the office and 80 per cent of the ten per cent reserve will be paid them. All growers so calling must present the 1906 contract at the time the money is paid.

ROBBERS BREAK INTO
STORE AT PILOT VIEW

Steal Number of Articles From S. D.
Chism—Scatter Red Pepper
On Trail.

Robbers broke into the store of S. D. Chism at Pilot View some time Monday night, securing about sixty cents in money, all in pennies, a dozen pair of scissors, twenty pocket-knives, three sacks of flour and several other small articles. To cover up their trail, as they left, red pepper was scattered all around the store and about one hundred yards toward Hedges Station.

BURLEY TOBACCO SOCIETY.

The Executive Committee of the Burley Tobacco Society convened here in regular session Tuesday afternoon. It is said that there is nothing that will come before the meeting except the regular routine.

SELLS FARM OF 115
ACRES FOR \$9600

James H. Rutledge Sells to John and
Martin Peters.

H. M. Benton, agent for James H. Rutledge, sold his farm of 115 acres on the McClure pike Monday to John and Martin Peters for \$9,600.

FOR CIRCUIT JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce
JAMES M. BENTON

as a candidate for Circuit Judge for the Twenty-fifth Judicial District, composed of Clark, Powell, Jessamine and Madison counties, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

We are authorized to announce
J. SMITH HAYS

as a candidate for Circuit Judge for the Twenty-fifth Judicial District, composed of Clark, Powell, Jessamine and Madison counties, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

DUTCH CAPTURE
ANOTHER VESSEL

Venezuelan Guard Ship Taken and
Crew Landed On the
Coast.

Special to The News.

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 15.—A Dutch warship has captured another Venezuelan coast guard vessel known as 23 Demaya. The crew was landed on the Venezuelan coast.

PARENTS' DAY AT
THE CITY SCHOOL

Hereafter the Joint Exercises Will
Be Held Wednesday of
Each Week.

Hereafter the students of the High School will hold their joint exercises at 8:45 a. m. on Wednesday of each week. These exercises will be conducted in the chapel of the Hickman street building.

On Wednesday of each week at 10:15, the pupils of the sixth grade, at the Washington street building will have a special program for morning exercises.

The above changes in order of exercises have been made so that more parents and friends of the school may attend these exercises on Parents' Day.

Musical programs and recitations by the pupils have been arranged for the exercises at each building.

Friends can be present at the exercises of the High School, see the weekly fire drill, and then go to the Washington building in time to attend the opening exercises of that building.

Rev. C. E. Crafton will deliver the address for the High School students tomorrow. Subject of address, "Jacob."

It is to be hoped that many patrons and friends of the City School will manifest their appreciation of the efforts of teachers, pupils and members of the Board of Education by visiting the school on Parents' Day.

BROOMBALL GAME
WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Lexington and Winchester to Line Up
at the Auditorium Rink.

Quite a large crowd of skating devotees will accompany the Lexington Broom Ball team to this city tomorrow, Wednesday night, to see them line up against the local aggregation at the Auditorium. A special train will be run from Lexington on that night leaving there at 7 o'clock and arriving here at 7:45 and returning at 11 o'clock.

There is a great deal of interest being taken in this game by the lovers of Broom Ball. Both these teams played against one another at the Mammoth Rink in Lexington last Thursday night and after an hour and ten minutes of hard play, the game was called, neither side being able to score.

The home boys are working hard to be in shape for the tussel and a battle royal is expected when they line up here tomorrow night. The local boys will go to Lexington one night next week and an effort is being made to run a special train from here on that night.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK IN MASON

Report Like Clap of Thunder and
Shaking Houses Awoke
Inmates.

MAYSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—Citizens of the county report an earthquake shock late last night. So great was the vibration that some were awakened by the shaking houses. It was preceded by a tremendous report like a loud clap of thunder.

All kinds of China on a special table.
YOUR CHOICE FOR TEN
CENTS. HENRY H. HALL.
12-14-e.o.d.

EVERYTHING

GOOD TO EAT can be found at Mrs. Chas. R. West. Always reliable.

TO REINSTATE
INNOCENT MEN

Brownsville Affair Subject of Special
Message—Negro Soldier
Confesses.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In a special message to the senate on the Brownsville affair President Roosevelt recommended the passage of a law providing for the reinstatement by the secretary of war after investigation of such members of the negro regiment innocent of direct complicity in the shooting up of Brownsville and who can prove that they actually had no direct knowledge of the crime.

Attached to the message is a report of detectives who have been working on the case. This report includes a statement by Private Conyers of Company B, Twenty-fifth infantry, in which he admits taking part in the raid and implicates a number of his former comrades.

The detectives claimed to have secured from Conyers a letter written to him by Senator Foraker, which, the detectives claim, stopped Conyers from making further revelations. Conyers, after he found he had been giving facts of the raid to government detectives, is said to have attempted suicide.

The Message.

The president's message follows: I inclose herewith a letter from the secretary of war transmitting a report of the investigation made by Mr. Herbert J. Browne, employed by the department in conjunction with Captain W. J. Baldwin to investigate as far as possible what happened at Brownsville on 13th and 14th of August, 1906.

The report and documents contain some information of great value and some statements that are obviously worthless, but I submit them in their entirety. This report enables us to fix with tolerable definiteness at least some of the criminals who took the lead in the murderous shooting of private citizens at Brownsville. It establishes clearly the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting, but upon this point further record was unnecessary, as the fact that the colored soldiers did the shooting has already been established beyond all possibility of doubt. The investigation has not gone far enough to enable us to determine all the facts, and we will proceed with it, but it has gone far enough to determine with sufficient accuracy certain facts of enough importance to make it advisable that I place the report before you.

It appears that almost all the members of Company B must have been actively concerned in the shooting, either to the extent of being participants or to the extent of virtually encouraging those who were participants.

Apportion the Blame.

As to Companies C and D there can be no question that practically every man in them must have had knowledge that the shooting was done by some of the soldiers of B troop, and possibly by one or two others in one of the other troops. This concealment was itself a grave offense, which was greatly aggravated by their testifying before the senate committee that they were ignorant of what they must have known. Nevertheless, it is to be said in partial extenuation that they were probably cowed by threats made by the more desperate of the men who had actually been engaged in the shooting as to what would happen to any man who failed to protect the wrongdoers. Moreover, there are circumstances tending to show that these misguided men were encouraged by outsiders to persist in their course of concealment and denial. I feel, therefore, that the guilt of the men who, after the event, thus shielded the perpetrators of the wrong by refusing to tell the truth about them, though serious, was in part due to the unwise and improper attitude of others, and that some measure of allowance should be made for the misconduct. In other words, I believe we can afford to reinstate any of these men who now truthfully tell what has happened, give all the aid they can to fix the responsibility upon those who are really guilty, and show that they themselves had no guilty knowledge beforehand and were in no way implicated in the affair, save by having knowledge of it afterwards and failing and refusing to divulge it.

Under the circumstances, and in view of the length of time they have been out of the service, and their loss of the benefit that would have accrued to them by continuous long-time service, we can afford to treat the men who meet the requirements given above as having been sufficiently punished by the consequences they brought upon themselves when they

HAINS TO TAKE
WITNESS STAND

Will Relate Brother's Family Troubles—Defense Tells
Plans.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 15.—When court adjourned, after two long sessions consumed in wearisome examination of talesmen, six jurors sat in the jury box competent to try Thornton J. Hains, author and story writer, on charges of being an accessory in the killing of William E. Annis, an editor, shot down at the Bayside Yacht club last summer by Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., of the United States army. The difficulty of securing a jury because of opinions formed became apparent in the examination of talesmen.

The questioning of talesmen by Hains' counsel indicates that the defense will be based principally on the proposition that Thornton Hains, fearing that his brother's life was in jeopardy from the crowd at the clubhouse, drew his revolver and held the crowd back. His act was one of defense, and not offense, according to his counsel.

John F. McIntyre of counsel for Hains announced that Hains would take the stand in his own defense. He will likely tell of those events at Fort Hamilton which led to the separation of Captain Hains and his wife and to the tragedy. Mr. McIntyre will also offer in evidence the alleged confession made by Mrs. Claudia Hains to her husband.

Counsel for the defense were subpoenaed by District Attorney Darrin to appear as witnesses in the case. Mr. Shay of Hains' counsel said Mr. Darrin desired to secure the possession of certain letters written by Thornton J. Hains to Captain Hains last spring, asking him to return from the Philippines.

Thornton J. Hains took a lively interest in the examination of the talesmen and frequently chatted with his counsel over some of the answers of prospective jurors. Whenever the state's attorney asked a talesman if he knew the defendant, Hains would smile and point to himself to indicate that he was the defendant and not one of the numerous counsel who were grouped about him. Hains said he had every confidence that he would eat Christmas dinner at home. After the adjournment of court he was manacled to a deputy sheriff and taken in an automobile to the Long Island jail. General Peter Hains and Mrs. Hains, father and mother of the defendant, returned to New York.

BOX IN BOSTON TONIGHT

Moran and Neil Expected to Put Up
Fast Fight.

Boston, Dec. 15.—Followers of the fighting game who assembled here today expect to see a fast bout when Owen Moran of England and Frankie Neil of California, featherweights, get together in the ring tonight at the Armory Athletic club. The boys are matched to box 12 rounds.

Moran claims the featherweight title of England, and Neil was formerly bantamweight champion of America. The two have met before, the honors going to Moran. The little Englishman also has the credit of having fought two draws with Abe Attell. The betting on tonight's fight favors Moran.

Harriman Need Not Testify.

Washington, Dec. 15.—In deciding the cases of Edward H. Harriman and Otto H. Kahn against the Interstate commerce commission, the supreme court of the United States held that the commission is not entitled under the interstate commerce law to press questions relative to private transactions, even though they involve dealings in the securities of interstate railroads, when the investigation of such questions are a part of an action that has been begun upon the commission's initiative.

Washington County Votes Friday. Marietta, O., Dec. 15.—Washington county is in a frenzy, the result of the county option campaign, which ends at the polls next Friday. This being the home of Senator Rose, father of the Rose county option bill, much interest attaches to the outcome. The campaign is one of the hottest yet waged in the state. Sewet under the Beal law by 1,143.

Mansfield Has Big Fire. Mansfield, O., Dec. 15.—Fire, starting in Odd Fellows' hall, resulted in a \$5,000 fire. Stock of the Park Grocery company was totally destroyed by water.

Grand Sire Nolan Dies. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 15.—Judge John L. Nolan, grand sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the world, died at a local hospital.